

CAG Meeting – 4/19/12

Sidebar: Send Sheldon dioxin data from cores in Phase I box outside of Diamond.

Removal

- Baptista: Can we post air monitoring data on line (on web site)? Summary chart would be OK.
- Johnston: Is the process different when TSI goes into more contaminated sediments?
 - Air monitoring more frequent again.
- CAG Tour (May 16-17): people urged to fill out poll
- Phase 2 update by Basso:
 - Need to re-engage w/TSI before Phase I is completed. There may be options out there that were not available 3 years ago (instead of CDF). Basso offers to kick it around at future CAG meeting, before we engage with TSI. With Phase 2, we have a project that we don't think we can get off the ground, given lack of support for CDF, so we need to revisit it.
 - RM10.9 will not have any impact on Phase 2 (in response to Johnston question on whether everything is interrelated and dependent on disposal manner). RM10.9 will not depend on whether decon works.

RM10.9

- Mans: What do we do about keeping people off the mudflat during the entire 2012 season, since removal not to be done until March 2013?
 - Basso expresses that fence may not be a good idea, given low risk to human health of mudflat.
 - Communications is on agenda later in the evening.
- Filippone: What about the other mudflats?
 - Law: Finished collecting data on other parts of river in Feb, data coming in. Most of data in & validated by end of May.
 - Filippone: CAG should have much better knowledge about how contaminated river is. May have other emergencies at other mudflats.
- Samson: Will EPA make final decision on whether decon proceeds? Will EPA get its own experts to review bench & pilot scale info? Given how important this is to RA & FFS.
 - Basso: We will review all info to use as we see fit, but we will not force decision on RM10.9. We will bring in experts (ORD, USACE-ERDC) to review. EPA will provide oversight of whatever is done by CPG, but EPA will not compel doing of decon.
- Targeting May 8 or 9: public availability session in Lyndhurst (3-5pm & 7-9pm). Date picked by Monday – Kluesner to notify CAG.
- Johnston: Has EPA received inquiries from newspaper articles?
 - Kluesner: Yes, people who use the park have asked. Also, Lyndhurst fire dept.
 - MacGregor: NJDEP has received calls from other munis with parks along river.

CAG wants to retain independent technical support.

- Baptista: Can CAG look at template for TASC request? Kluesner: Yes.
- TASC technical reviewer can only review list of documents that are provided in TASC request. So incomplete list of documents will yield incomplete review with no conclusions. But TASC reviewer could also recommend phase 2, more reports that should be reviewed.
- Nardone: Are there limits to the budget for a TASC? Kluesner: Don't know. But will be funded out of Special Account.
- Filippone: CAG should review paper submitted to EPA in Dec. Filippone to send paper to CAG. Kluesner also commits to send paper to CAG.
- Kluesner: If CAG wants to TASC to review RM10.9 bench scale & pilot scale info, then how does that fit into FFS schedule? Baptista: TASC reviewer should start with existing info.
- Kluesner: Get Baron & USACE-ERDC to provide feedback on list of literature.
- Kluesner to find out if CAG can engage an expert to help them flesh out scope of work and help them complete list of literature that needs to be reviewed.
- CAG wants to finalize TASC request by next CAG meeting.

Communications:

- Kluesner to send listserv members to Lenny Thomas to invite to join Facebook page.
- Thomas: People need to know that what is bad in fish is not taken care of through cleaning.
- Vaughn to send map of sampling locations for Supplemental Sediment Sampling Plan to Sarno. Kluesner to resend link to targeted risk assessment done with Riverside Park soil samples.
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Nardone: How does Argentina taking over Repsol affect Passaic River cleanup?

- Basso explains how Repsol is related to TSI. We don't know if it's an issue.
- Mickuki says issue is up in air – everything in Phase I being done now is paid for.

May 10 is next CAG meeting.